

Table 2. Consumer Price Index and percent change, all items, U.S. city average and selected areas 1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted

	<u>All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)</u>					<u>Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers</u>				
	Indexes		Percent change to			Indexes		Percent change to		
	Feb. 2001	Mar. 2001	Mar. 2000	Jan. 2001	Feb. 2001	Feb. 2001	Mar. 2001	Mar. 2000	Jan. 2001	Feb. 2001
U.S. city average	175.8	176.2	2.9	0.6	0.2	172.4	172.6	2.8	0.5	0.1
Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI	178.5	177.1	2.8	-0.6	-0.8	172.9	171.4	2.9	-0.7	-0.9
Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA	175.4	176.2	3.2	1.1	0.5	168.3	169.1	3.2	1.1	0.5
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	185.3	186.4	2.7	0.8	0.6	180.8	181.8	2.9	0.7	0.6
Boston-Brockton-Nashua, MA-NH-ME-CT	-	190.9	4.4	1.0	-	-	189.3	4.5	1.0	-
Cleveland-Akron, OH	-	172.3	3.2	0.6	-	-	163.9	2.9	0.4	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-	168.9	3.6	1.0	-	-	168.5	3.4	1.0	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-MD-VA-WV (1)	-	109.7	2.4	0.7	-	-	109.4	2.3	0.7	-
Atlanta, GA	175.3	-	-	-	-	172.7	-	-	-	-
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	173.2	-	-	-	-	167.7	-	-	-	-
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	158.6	-	-	-	-	156.7	-	-	-	-
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	171.9	-	-	-	-	169.3	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-DE-MD	179.0	-	-	-	-	178.2	-	-	-	-
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	187.9	-	-	-	-	183.5	-	-	-	-
Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton, WA	184.0	-	-	-	-	179.2	-	-	-	-

(1) Indexes on a November 1996=100 base.

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This announcement details Consumer Price Indexes for two population groups: All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Both indexes reflect 1982-84 spending patterns. Monthly percent changes are shown for the U.S. and five large areas; bimonthly data are presented for the remaining areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the levels of prices among cities; they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

Local area CPI indexes are by-products of the national CPI program. Because each local index is a small subset of the national index, it has a smaller sample size and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than the national index. As a result, area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are quite similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in escalator clauses.

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